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Children under 10 found carrying weapons in Essex schools

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

FIVE children under the age of 10 have been found carrying weapons in schools across Essex, new police data has revealed.

The shocking statistic was included in Freedom of Information findings that show the number of knife-related offences reported in schools has more than tripled in just four years – from eight in the 2014/15 academic year to 31 in 2017/18.

In total, 103 offences were recorded during this period, including “violence with injury”, “rape” and one case of “homicide”.

The largest number occurred in Basildon where there were 14, half of which took place during the 2016/17 academic year.

Across south Essex, this was followed by Thurrock where there were 12 offences and Southend where there were eight.

The number of children found to be in possession of weapons during that period also increased from 19 in 2014 to 40 in 2017, including five under the age of 10.

Janet Bloomfield, Essex Police’s children, young people and antisocial behaviour manager, said just one incident “is one too many”.

“We continue to work closely with educational establishments, social services and local authorities to try and create safer learning environments for young people.

“We want young people to learn and develop without fear and we are



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fully aware of the dangers weapons pose to school communities.

“That’s why our fire and police school engagement officers attend hundreds of schools, colleges and young organisations across the county every year to educate them about the risks of carrying knives and getting into gangs.

“We have found that many young people found with a weapon, believe they need to carry them for safety. They believe they are at a disadvantage if they do not carry one.

“There are also occasions where young people bring items such as penknives or multi-tools into school to show off to their friends and do not consider the consequences of bringing these articles into school.

“They may not have committed a criminal offence but they will have breached school rules.

“Sadly, there have been incidents where children were found with weapons to self-harm and we are quick to work in partnership with school staff to provide safeguarding advice to ensure they get the emotional support they need.

“In situations where young children are involved in violent behaviour at school, they are dealt with robustly whilst still treating them as potentially vulnerable children too.

“We have seen an increase in reports of these types of incidents which is in part due to improved crime recording and referrals.

“Tackling knife crime remains a

priority for Essex Police. Just recently we ran Operation Sceptre, which is part of a national drive to reduce knife crime. This involves the use of weapons sweeps, stop and search, knife arches at schools and stations.

“Our officers also work alongside Trading Standards to raise awareness among shop owners about the importance of challenging underage customers and the law around selling knives and bladed objects.”

Only Cowards Carry founder calls the situation “beyond worrying”.

The founder of the charity that aims to combat knife crime has warned the problem of school children carrying knives may be much worse than police statistics suggest.

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Bus chiefs restore routes on vandal-plagued services

by Michael Cox

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A COMPANY is returning three of its bus services back to normal routes after diverting them following a spate of incidents where bus windows were smashed by vandals.

The *Yellow Advertiser* reported last month that First Buses had temporarily altered routes for services 21, which runs between Southend and Canvey; 22, which serves Canvey to Basildon and 28, which runs between Southend and Basildon.

Route 21 services dropped the Manor Trading estate in Benfleet after 6.30pm, while number 22 and 28 buses were diverted to miss London Road between Pitsea and Sadlers Farm Roundabout after 6.30pm.

Dan Worley, operations manager at First Hadleigh, said it is trialling a return of the services back to their normal routes.

He said: "I would like to thank our passengers and the local community for their support and patience whilst we have been dealing with the problems of antisocial behaviour in the area of Canvey."



ANTISOCIAL: A damaged bus window following one of the incidents

"We will be monitoring the situation and working with the police to try and counteract any further disruption, but should we experience further incidents

we will be forced to divert services away from the area to keep passengers and our staff safe."

The diversions had been put in place

after the company reported several incidents before and after Christmas where bus windows were broken.

First had threatened to withdraw the three services altogether if the incidents did not stop, with Mr Worley calling on the community to sort out the problem.

Police continue to investigate reports of First buses being targeted across south-east Essex.

These include an incident at the junction of the A13 and A132 in Pitsea on February 14 at 8.40pm and two on the previous day – one near the Sadlers Farm roundabout, London Road, Benfleet, between 6.30pm and 6.35pm, and another in Arundel Road, Benfleet at 7.55pm.

Another bus was targeted on Canvey Road, Canvey, on February 9 at about 7pm, and officers received three similar reports in Benfleet between January 5 and January 11, and in Shoeburyness High Street on January 28.

Anyone with information should call Castle Point and Rochford local policing team on 101, report online at www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or at Crimestoppers-uk.org.

Youth market set for town return

A YOUTH market will return to Leigh later this year.

Leigh Town Council has announced the event will take place on Strand Wharf on Sunday, July 14.

The council is looking for 16 to 25-year-olds to have a stall or young musicians and entertainers to perform a 30-minute set.

Anyone interested should contact the council at council@leighseaton-town-council.gov.uk or 01702 716288.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● A CYCLIST was taken to hospital with serious injuries following a road collision in Leigh.

A Ford Fiesta and a bicycle were in collision on London Road, at the junction with Medway Crescent, just before 4.50pm last Tuesday.

The cyclist, 54, is receiving hospital treatment for a broken neck and back, as well as facial injuries.

Call the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 01245 240590 or email CollisionAppeal@essex.pnn.police.uk.

A 27-year-old man, from Stanford-le-Hope, was arrested on suspicion of causing serious injury by dangerous driving and drug-driving. He has been released under investigation.

● A NUMBER of vehicles have been damaged in a spate of incidents in Southend.

Police said 17 criminal damage incidents were reported, most of which are believed to have happened overnight between March 27 and 28.

Cars were scratched with an unknown object in Kursaal Way, Pleasant Way, Outing Close, Hawtree Close and Prospect Way.

Call police on 101 quoting incident number 42/48626/19 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

● FIRE crews were called to put out a flat fire in Southend.

Firefighters attended a blaze at a second floor flat on Dickens Close at 3am on Wednesday.

On arrival, they reported the flat was smoke-logged and half of the property was alight.

The flames were contained to the flat and the fire was put out by 3.35am.

An investigation into the cause of the fire will take place.

Man quizzed after woman falls from fifth floor flat

A WOMAN who plummeted from a fifth-floor window in Southend last week is in a "critical but stable condition", says Essex Police.

Officers were called to Jones Close at around 2am on Thursday, March 28, to reports that the woman, who is described as being in her 40s, had

fallen.

A man arrested on suspicion of attempted murder has been released but remains under investigation.

A police spokesman added: "Our enquiries into the circumstances surrounding how she fell remain ongoing."

"We would like to speak to anyone who saw or heard a disturbance in the area around this time."

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Busted to crash Village Green

POP rockers Busted have been announced as this year's headline act at the Village Green Festival.

The band, made up of James Bourne, Charlie Simpson and Matt Willis, will be performing on the Village Green stage in Chalkwell Park on Saturday, July 13.

They have just finished a UK tour with Crashed the Wedding and Year 3000 among their biggest hits.

Festival director Sean McLoughlin said the gig will represent a homecoming show for the group. He added: "Whilst being internationally

acclaimed as a band, Busted continue to have strong roots in Southend. Village Green has always been focused on showcasing home-grown talent alongside international stars.

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'Confident and active learners'



A PRE-SCHOOL has been praised following an inspection visit, being rated as "good" overall.

Little Waking Pre-School, in Little Waking Road, was inspected by education regulator Ofsted last month.

The inspection findings were published in a report, with the pre-school being rated "good" in three of the four main criteria, but "outstanding" in personal development, behaviour and welfare.

Inspector Jennifer Forbes wrote: "Children are confident and active learners and enjoy their time at pre-school. Staff provide a good range

of interesting and stimulating activities to ignite children's curiosity and imagination."

She described staff at the pre-school as "kind and caring", adding that children settle quickly and are "exceptionally imaginative".

"Children's behaviour is excellent. They enjoy taking responsibility for each other and helping and caring for each other."

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It was also in 1965 when Papa' Enrico, the head chef, was born from the love between Nonno Pino and Nonna Rossana.

The pastry shop became one of the busiest in Rome! Even though Nonno was spending most of his time working in his shop, he also became famous in the music scene for his skills playing the guitar.

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In 1974, Papa' started working in the family business at the age of nine by doing some small jobs with his dad. When Nonno

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In the same year, Papa' met Mamma Sabrina. It didn't take long for him to fall in love with her. She was a beauty! After a long courtship, Mamma finally fell for him, too.

In 1995, they had a son whom they named Enrico Jr. At a young age, he had worked with them in the shop after school. He then decided to move to England and follow his dream of opening a restaurant.

After five years of hard work, Enrico Jr. finally found the right place to fulfil his dream! Papa' and Mamma decided to sell their business in Rome and come to England to support his dream.

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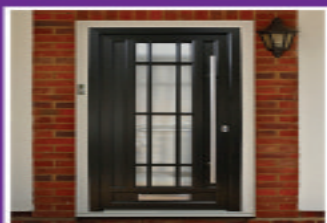
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Third place was awarded to Maddie Brown, 11, from Richmond Avenue Primary School, Shoeburyness.

A c2c spokesman said: "We were hugely impressed by all the imaginative ideas we saw, and the high quality of the designs.

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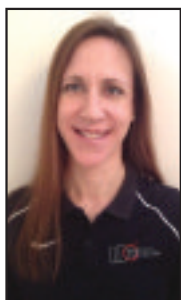
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Hey teacher, leave those kids alone

BEST days of your life, people used to say. I'm referring, of course, to school and I doubt many, if any, actually believe that old adage.

Today there are very different rules regarding how teachers are allowed to deal with their pupils (they can't - simple as that) and the "back in my day" crowd would have you believe that the problems with youth violence in society could be dealt with by going back to the good old days when teachers were able to stamp their authority (sometimes very literally) on their young charges.

Well this is what I remember from the grammar school I attended in the West Midlands from the late sixties to the early-ish seventies and I'm sure my old friends from those days on Facebook will back me up.

Of the teaching staff at *Bash Street* Grammar School (later *Bash Street* Comprehensive) there were two pushovers - one of them an elderly English teacher who would entertain us every morning by driving her car straight into the wire fencing surrounding the playground/tennis courts.

Then there were a few who were actually excellent teachers and would be fair with you if you reciprocated. But there were three I can

remember - and could even name as I expect they're dead by now but I won't just in case - who I fervently believe were violent psychopaths whose treatment of children below fifth form age (11-14) was tantamount to at least assault and in some cases actual bodily harm.

These men didn't just instill fear in us, we were wet your pants terrified of them.

Then there was the teacher of German who should not have been allowed within half a mile of young boys as I once discovered when he asked me to soundly thrash him with a ruler so he could judge how hard he needed to punish someone else.

Luckily I had enough self awareness to deal with it appropriately and he backed off from then on, but others would not have been so lucky.

Very early on I was injured when a 15-year old decided it would be funny to dead leg a first year so I found myself in the first aid room, which doubled as the deputy headmaster's office.

From behind the screen where I was waiting for the feeling to return to my leg, I heard the deputy head walk in, followed soon after by a knock on the door. A boy walked in. I never found out who he was or how old, but the deputy head simply said: "Bend over".

The next thing I heard was the sound of a cane cutting the air with such force it whistled before making sickening contact once, twice, three times.

By the time the fourth and fifth strikes came the lump in my throat was so big I thought I might suffocate.

Finally, the deputy head simply told the boy to get out and after a couple of minutes, which felt like an hour, I excused myself too.

Some 50 years later, this had a lasting affect on me and I have remained convinced that corporal punishment is nothing more than physical assault with a deadly weapon (a stick).

So don't talk to me about the good old days. Of course, today you could argue that any attempt to restore such a barbaric practice would result in teachers themselves being attacked because kids won't take that sort of nonsense today.

What's missing is respect. But respect doesn't come from fear. Only resentment is the by product of that and it's a resentment I still harbour today, even though I was never on the receiving end of anything worse than a plimsoll across the bum for forgetting my PE kit.

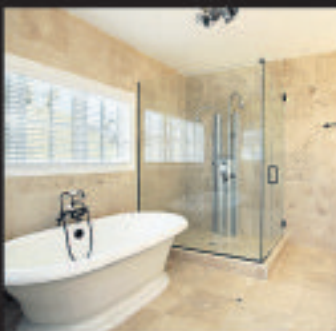
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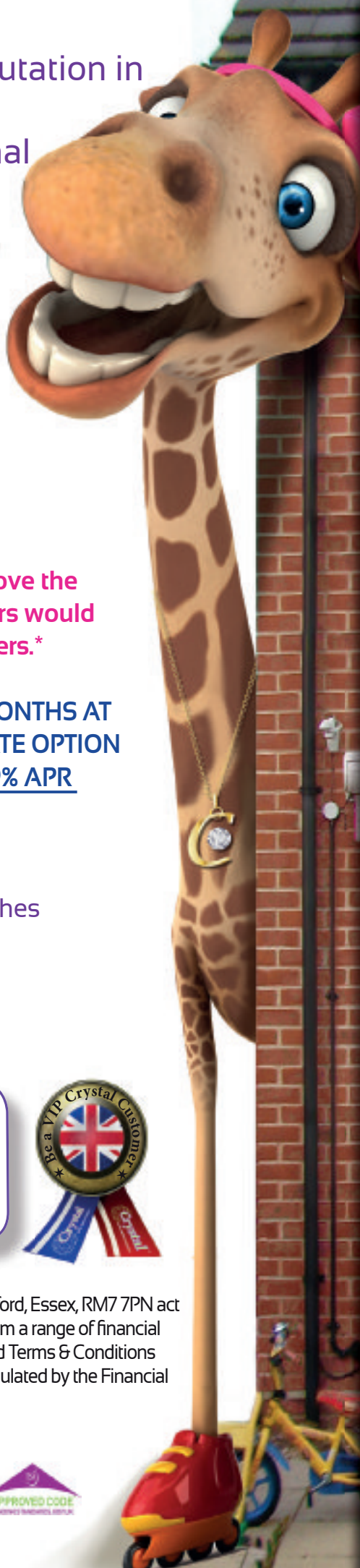
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INSPECTION: Health and Home (Essex) Limited's care home in North Road, Westcliff

Care provider has fourth home put in special measures

But director says company has serious concerns over CQC inspection process

by Michael Cox

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A CARE home provider in Southend has seen a fourth home put into special measures since the start of the year.

Health and Home (Essex) Limited's North Road residence in Westcliff was judged as "inadequate" by the Care Quality Commission following an inspection in January.

The inspection ruling comes after the *Yellow Advertiser* reported inadequate CQC ratings for Ravensmere Rest Home and Alexander House Private Nursing Home in Westcliff, and for Barling Lodge in Great Wakering, in February.

After the visit to the North Road care home inspectors wrote that they found "high-risk" ligature points, which could be used for hanging and strangulation, throughout the home.

They said: "There were high-risk ligature points throughout the service which had not been identified when assessing those at risk of suicide, self-harm or extreme states of anxiety and agitation."

Inspectors found one resident's care plan showed they were at risk of self-harm and had previously had suicidal thoughts but interventions to manage the risk were "poor".

A care plan for another resident indicated they were at risk of choking and required a soft diet, including thickened drinks. But the specific texture of fluid required was not recorded and inspectors said daily records showed that the resident had suffered choking episodes.

There was no evidence discovered by inspectors to show that two staff members had received appropriate

medication training, with three out of four staff not assessed against their competency to administer medication.

The inspectors also outlined concerns over an incident where one resident was restrained for five to ten minutes by a staff member.

The report said: "No further information was recorded to clearly document the type of restraint used to restrict the person, justification for the staff member's interventions, no evidence to suggest least restrictive options had been considered and the restraint used was in the person's best interests."

Staffing levels were also criticised by inspectors, who assessed rosters between December 17 and January 10 and found only one staff member on duty between 6pm and 9pm.

"A review of the service's staffing levels should be considered, particularly at night as one person is unable to provide appropriate care and support for one person who requires their body to be repositioned and are at risk of developing pressure ulcers."

The report did include some positive findings.

Residents and relatives were "generally complimentary" about the care and support at the home, with one relative telling inspectors, "I'd recommend this home without a doubt, they have been fantastic to our whole family."

The report also noted that staff work well with other organisations to ensure they deliver good joined-up care and support.

"The registered manager and staff team knew the people they cared for and liaised with other organisations to ensure the person received effective care and support."

The care home was rated as

inadequate in two of CQC's main criteria – safe and well-led.

It was given "requires improvement" scores for effective, caring and responsive.

A Health and Home spokesman said it is "unbelievable" the CQC could rate the home as inadequate.

The company asked the *YA* to use the same comment it gave when asked for a response to the Ravensmere and Alexander House reports.

It has said it is appealing ratings for Barling Lodge, Ravensmere and Alexander House.

Director Andreas Stavrinides said the company has "serious concerns" about CQC's inspection process.

He claimed: "There have been no changes to the environment or the quality of service provided by the home since the date of the previous inspection, which rated the home as good."

"There have been no justifiable grounds to show a deterioration of service from good to inadequate."

"An appeal against CQC's rating has been lodged and we are considering other steps."

"We hope for the benefit of those we serve and the community as a whole that CQC will engage with us and address the concerns raised by both sides in a consensual and civilised manner."

A CQC spokesman said it runs "an open and transparent process" regarding its inspections, adding that all of its reports are given to care providers for factual accuracy feedback before being published.

He said care providers have the right to ask for a rating review, and it will consider any ratings review requests made by the company.

Physiotherapy clinic's bake off event helps raise cash for MS charity drive

A PHYSIOTHERAPY clinic in Southend has raised hundreds of pounds for charity, with one of its therapists set to take part in the London Marathon.

Aaron Whittaker, from WDC Physiotherapy, is running in the 26.2-mile event on Sunday, April 28 to fundraise for MS-UK, a charity supporting people with multiple sclerosis.

The clinic, on Christchurch Road, held a bake off style event which raised £180 towards Aaron's £2,000 target.

A variety of cakes were baked, with judges including the clinic's very own Mary Burry.

They have raised more charity cash through a raffle and homemade cards.



CAKES: Aaron Whittaker with competition winner Joanne Firoozieh



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I HAVE been watching the recent efforts to deliver Brexit with great interest and a lot of consternation, but the onslaught of the Remoaners is really getting out of hand.

The media has been reporting all sorts of nonsense while trying to make their viewers/readers believe "what everybody wants" or insinuating what is appropriate for them to want.

Now Parliament is taking steps to take the Brexit decision away from the executive – thus, a 95 per cent pro-remain group takes it away from a 70 per cent pro-remain group. Sweeping it under the carpet can't be far off.

Add to that the terrifying prospect of May's deal, which is even worse than being in the EU under the present conditions, and the thugs in Brussels are visibly salivating like hungry wolves at the prospect of getting that £39billion.

They don't really care about the rest and probably consider it as just a cherry on the cake.

May's pleading, threats and her "promise" to depart just as soon as she gets her treasonous sell-out of an agreement passed are just that – and her latest attempt is just a bluff.

If MPs do not vote for it, she will be left with nothing – and if there is a chance for a Brexit at all, this is it!

She has painted herself into a corner and is now playing the fox with a broken foot. MPs should take no notice and not fall for her ploy. The only real

Brexit is the no deal variety – everything else is a fake, with no future for our country.

If her deal is not approved, she will have run out of options and would either have to go with no deal or finally admit that the last three years have been a subterfuge to destroy the will of the electorate.

We must not allow her to succeed in dragging us all into the death throes of the dying EU.

If the EU doesn't get the £39bn it will be bankrupt within a month (actually, it is already).

The ECB can (and most likely will) print billions more euros, but then the game will be up.

We are heading for some rough seas if we extricate ourselves from the EU, and even rougher ones if we don't.

**Fred Nicholson
Westcliff**

Logic to find solutions

KEITH Little wrote (YA Letters, Mar 29) that Paul Martin, myself and others like us are unable to apply logic that would enable us to find a solution to many of today's problems.

He then puts forward the most illogical and ill-conceived solution to criminal justice ever.

He advocates making offenders pay for their accommodation by taking their savings.

Does he not realise that firstly it must be proven that they are indeed the offender's savings, which could be difficult, especially if they are married or in a relationship. In any case any removal of funds would

involve court cases and lawyers, it would cost far more than the revenue it would generate.

It can be assumed that making them pay for their keep would involve some form of forced labour, sowing mailbags or walking the treadmill as per yesteryear perhaps, maybe with a bit of flogging thrown in. It's been tried and it doesn't work.

Mr Little's comparison with the elderly having their assets seized to pay for their care when they are placed in a care home and the taking of a prisoner's assets is a nonsense.

Unfortunately, those placed in a care home will not be leaving that place and will have no further use for their assets, whereas offenders will leave prison.

In Mr Little's world offenders would be thrown out of prison and onto the streets without a home or any assets.

This type of behaviour is medieval in its thinking and makes the authorities as bad, if not worse, than the offenders.

The clue regarding punishment Mr Little, is in the sentence handed down, and it should not include some form of perverted revenge.

Perhaps new prisons and a different approach is needed. Maybe these new prisons should only house first-time detainees, who should be deprived of cigarettes and drugs. They should be subjected to a regime of physical exercise, re-education up to O-level standard, taught social skills and a work ethic.

Maintenance of their prison and various types of training courses should keep them busy.

Manufacturing something the prison authorities could sell is

another option.

Having a cell to themselves would give them time to reflect and stop them being influenced or threatened by hardened criminals.

On release an offender would, at least, be fitter, better educated and more able to cope with life on the outside and the authorities will be able to rightly claim that they have done

their best to help this person.

If they go on to re-offend then their punishment should get progressively harsher with each additional offence, for example a doubling of their previous term of imprisonment.

Prevention is always better than cure.

Mr Little suggests the return of the death penalty. However, Albert Pierrepont, the UK's

official executioner, who hanged 600 people over a 25-year period said: "I have come to the conclusion that executions solve nothing, and are only an antiquated relic of a primitive desire for revenge which takes the easy way and hands over the responsibility for revenge to other people."

**K. Knight
Basildon**

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Schools struggle with knife culture

From front page

Caroline Shearer, CEO of Only Cowards Carry, founded after her 17-year-old son Jay Whiston was fatally stabbed in 2012, said the problem is "beyond worrying" but police statistics alone cannot show the scale of the issue because of schools dealing with the problem themselves.

She said: "We've contacted schools ourselves and while some children have been reported, the majority of schools like to deal with it in house and because of that the real statistics can't be made available."

She predicted that her charity has offered support to as many as 12 children under the age of 10 found carrying knives – more than double the data from the police.

While Only Cowards Carry offers schools educational events from expert trainers, she said a number of them pass due to a lack of funding.

"Schools aren't doing enough, but neither are parents," she continued.

"It used to be that you'd find some stones or bubble gum in a child's pocket but now it's knives. Most parents are good but there are

some that really don't give a damn and it is those parents that need to take responsibility."

Of all the recorded knife offences across Essex, Basildon had the highest number, with 14 over the four-year period.

Simon Cox, headteacher of Woodlands School in Basildon, said his school hadn't faced the issue directly but education and prevention is key.

"We've not had a knife incident while I have been the headteacher here, but I know some young people speak about their weekends in the town centre and they've said there are a number of young people carrying these sorts of weapons around," he said.

"We try to do a lot of preparative work at the school and this has included having local police in to do assemblies where they highlight all the dangers of knives and gang crime."

"We also hold a number of mentoring schemes. These focus on things such as sport, football and behaviour to educate and help pupils who may otherwise be enticed into gangs."

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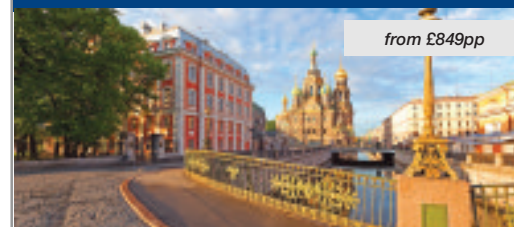
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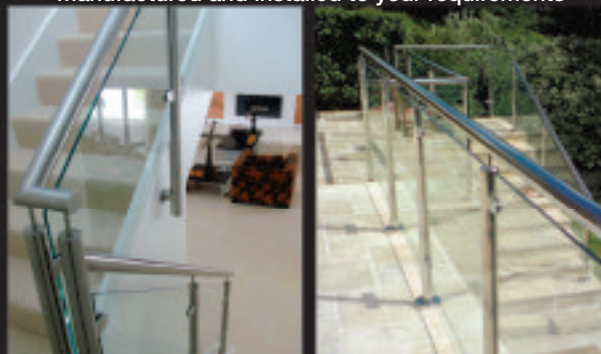
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TWO Strictly stars are igniting stages across the UK and pushing the boundaries of ballroom dancing with their brand new show, *Burn The Floor*. BBC Strictly Come Dancing Champion, Kevin Clifton, is joined by Strictly's newest professionals, Italian heart-throb Graziano Di Prima and South African star Johannes Radebe, in the show that has revolutionised Ballroom style over the last two decades.

On June 5, the show will be hot-stepping into Southend Cliffs Pavilion.

A Strictly stalwart of six years, Kevin has reached the final an impressive five times. In 2018, he finally scooped the coveted glitter-ball trophy with celebrity partner, Stacey Dooley.

With a combination of jaw-dropping choreography and groundbreaking moves, the show will bring the Strictly duo's famous, infectious and

rebellious energy to life.

"It's a relentless show that is really hard work, but also gives you a feeling, when you are completely in the zone of a flat out *Burn The Floor* performance, that I've never found elsewhere," Kevin, who describes being with the show as a "way of life", explained.

"I'm addicted to it and I feel it has had more influence on my dancing than anything I've ever been involved in."

"It's so much more than wearing sparkly shirts and dancing the competition style. It's years ahead of most ballroom dancing I see and is constantly seeking to improve and explore where we can take our style."

"In *Burn the Floor* you are free to express the joy of dancing. You become an artist in all it's aspects," Graziano added.

Kevin and Graziano agree the show provides them with an outlet for freedom of expression, as opposed to the more structured dancing environment on Strictly.

"It's where I feel safest to express myself and explore new things in my dancing," Kevin said. "Dance is the original art form. Before speech or anything else we express ourselves through movement in our body language. It has the capacity to express things which words cannot."

The cast are a tight-knit bunch and that closeness is what breeds an environment conducive to artistic expression, explained Kevin.

"*Burn The Floor* feels like home. It's a family that I belong to and a very special place where the most interesting ballroom dancers in the world live."

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SHAZAM! (12A, 132 mins)

SINCE Marvel launched its ever-expanding cinematic universe with the blockbuster Iron Man, rival DC Comics has largely played catch-up.

Were it not for Christopher Nolan's Oscar-winning Dark Knight trilogy and Gal Gadot's gravity-defying acrobatics as Wonder Woman, a stable of superheroes including Superman, Aquaman and The Flash could have flatlined past the point of reinvention.

David F. Sandberg's entertaining romp marks a welcome shift in tone for the DC Comics brand, swaggering away from dark, brooding seriousness into the irreverent territory of Deadpool, albeit with family-friendly humour and a nostalgia for body swap fantasies such as Big. Shazam! plays to the strength of leading man Zachary Levi, who channels the naivete and nervous energy of a 14-year-old boy trapped inside the hulking frame of a spandex-clad saviour of the universe who initially goes by the name Captain Sparklefingers.

There are plenty of in-jokes for comic book aficionados and a crowd-pleasing reveal towards the end, plus two additional scenes during the end credits that tease future instalments.

Billy Batson (Asher Angel) is placed into care after he becomes separated from his mother at a state fair. The teenager is resolved to reunite with her and steadfast-

ly rejects the love of foster guardians, adamant that "families are for people who can't take care of themselves".

After his latest brush with the law, Billy is relocated to the loving home of Victor and Rosa Vasquez (Cooper Andrews, Marta Milans), who already have five children under their roof: Freddy (Jack Dylan Grazer), Mary (Grace Fulton), Pedro (Jovan Armand), Eugene (Ian Chen) and Darla (Faithe Herman).

Billy closes his heart to the Vasquez clan, but is compelled to intervene when Freddy is attacked by bullies at the school gates.

This act of selflessness leads Billy to the lair of an ancient wizard Shazam (Djimon Hounsou), who is in search of a human champion to inherit his powers.

"Lay your hands on my staff," instructs Shazam.

The lad complies with the innuendo-laden request and transforms into a musclebound hunk (Levi), whose abilities could prove decisive in mankind's battle with archvillain Dr Thaddeus Sivana (Mark Strong).

Shazam! is engineered to delight in broad strokes, poking fun at conventions of comic book origin stories without sacrificing emotional connections to the characters.

Laughs are plentiful and digital effects-heavy action sequences retain a light touch.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



Thundersley £290,000

Situated within close proximity of Thundersley Common is this quaint semi detached bungalow. Offering a detached garage and a West facing rear garden of approximately 50ft, this bungalow, in our opinion, would suit a keen gardener. There is potential (subject to planning permission) for a loft conversion and to extend to the rear of the property. The detached garage is accessed via the shared driveway and is approximately 18ft in length.



Hockley £129,950

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Eastwood £300,000-£315,000

Situated in one of the most sought after locations of Eastwood is this three bedroom semi detached chalet, being in a great position for beautiful walks to Hockley Woods, Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park and Grove Woods. The property is in need of some modernisation but benefits from good size versatile accommodation which could easily be adapted as an annexe, ideal for an au-pair, elderly or teenager member of the family as there is a bedroom, bathroom and separate kitchen so they can have their own space. There are local amenities, shops and public transport only a short walk away. In addition, Rayleigh High Street and Train Station (Liverpool Street) are only a short drive or bus journey away. Call now to arrange a viewing.



Eastwood £280,000

Being offered Chain Free is this three bedroom semi detached chalet style house, offering plenty of potential and is ideal for someone that is looking for a project as the property needs a little tender loving care. The property is situated in a popular location and is within the Heycroft school catchment area and is conveniently situated for the A127 and yet close enough for Rayleigh station if you need to commute to Southend or London - call now to arrange an internal viewing.

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Rayleigh £425,000

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Hullbridge Price £340,000

Occupying a most sought after village location is this two bedroom detached bungalow, situated close to the River Crouch and Kendal's nature reserve with its great walks just a short stroll away. Offering plenty of potential and benefitting from having 19' kitchen/diner, Natural light flooded lounge, conservatory with French doors leading to well maintained wrap around rear garden, detached garage and independent driveway. With easy access to all local amenities, train stations just a short drive away, this could be the perfect purchase for you. Call now to arrange an internal viewing.



Rayleigh £2,400 PCM

A rare opportunity to rent this four bedroom executive detached family house in a very quiet and exclusive Great Wheatley's area of Rayleigh. This property is double glazed throughout, with a large kitchen, a utility room, and has off street parking for 3 cars + large double garage. Working applicants only. No Housing benefits or pets.

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Westcliff £280,000

BACKING WEST in popular location close to London Road shops//facilities and Southend Hospital, a well maintained three bedroom semi detached house. Open plan kitchen/diner, gas central heating, double glazing. Excellent family home that should be considered a priority to view. EPC=TBA. Ref: BV054



Southend £289,000

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Castle Road, HADLEIGH / Guide Price £475,000 - £500,000



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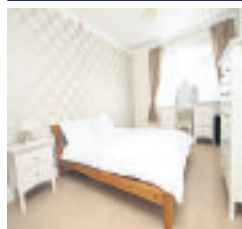
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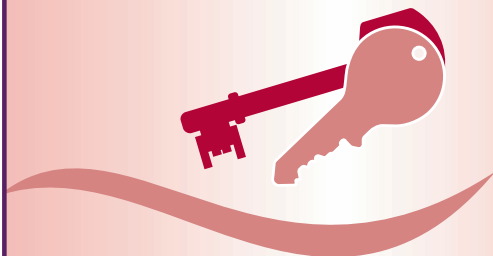


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THUNDERSLEY O.I.E.O £250,000

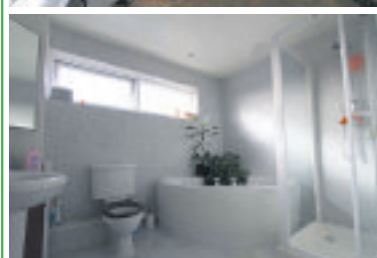
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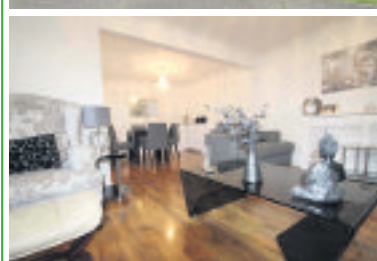
THUNDERSLEY £300,000

Situated in a cul-de-sac position within walking distance of Thundersley village this terraced house offers 3 good size bedrooms, 18'9 lounge/diner, 13'9 kitchen/breakfast room, ground floor cloakroom, four piece bathroom suite, converted garage/study, double glazing and gas heating.



THUNDERSLEY £289,995

Situated in a cul-de-sac location and offering 100ft (approx) rear garden this terraced house has 3 bedrooms, 20'11 dual aspect lounge/diner, 12'7 kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, bathroom with separate wc and off street parking. The property is situated within The King John School catchment.



THUNDERSLEY £375,000

Detached bungalow with impressive road frontage that has been refurbished in the last few years. The property offers 3 bedrooms, 22'2 lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, polished wood flooring, attached larger than average garage, double glazing and gas heating. No onward chain

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DEJECTED: Robert Snodgrass and Declan Rice after West Ham's woeful display against Everton

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Football

by **Brian Jeeves at the London Stadium**
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West Ham United 0-2 Everton
FRUSTRATED West Ham manager Manuel Pellegrini described his side's dire display against Everton as "the worst performance of the year" as first-half goals from Kurt Zouma and Bernard secured an easy Premier League success for the Merseysiders.

The Hammers went into the game looking to extend a seven-match unbeaten sequence on their home territory – a run stretching back before the turn of the year.

Pellegrini made several changes to the side which had dramatically come from behind to see off Huddersfield Town before the international break. Felipe Anderson was absent due to an ankle injury while Robert Snodgrass returned in place of Michail Antonio, who was amongst the substitutes.

Everton had endured a stop-start campaign of their own, but like the Hammers, were eyeing up a potential Europa League qualification place – and they made a swift breakthrough. Zouma

heading home in the fifth minute after meeting a pinpoint Gylfi Sigurdsson flag-kick.

West Ham were struggling to contain the lively Toffees. Lukasz Fabianski produced a brilliant double-save to deny Sigurdsson and Lucas Digne with the Hammers' backline at sixes and sevens and already appearing fragile.

A wayward attempt from Pablo Zabaleta was all the Hammers had to show for their less than impressive early toil, and the mood soon darkened around the stadium as Everton doubled their advantage.

Bernard arrived to sweep home from six yards after skipper Seamus Coleman had delivered the opportunity on a plate with a low cross from the right.

Richarlison forced Fabianski into a smart save with his feet as Everton continued to launch wave after wave of attacks. Meanwhile, Snodgrass fired the wrong side of an upright as the home side desperately tried to keep their heads above water.

Pellegrini threw on Javier Hernandez and Antonio following the lacklustre first-half showing, but it was Everton who initially continued to dominate with Richarlison unable to connect with Bernard's centre as the impressive

Toffees sought a third.

Marko Arnautovic had endured another frustrating afternoon and his substitution midway through the half was greeted with a chorus of boos from Hammers supporters, unimpressed with the Austrian's input. In the meantime, Dominic Calvert-Lewin fired into the side netting, then sent another effort over the top as Everton looked to put further daylight between themselves and the out of sorts hosts.

Richarlison's thundering header cannoned off the bar with Fabianski helplessly rooted to the spot.

By that time many of a claret and blue persuasion had headed for the exits, putting this one down to a bad day at the office as they trudged away in their droves.

Pellegrini said after the game: "We have lost before a lot of games, but not playing the way we did today without creating chances and conceding so many chances."

"I don't think it's lack of fight, it's lack of trust. From the beginning, you feel it is not your day – that you cannot play and you always try to make some changes with the substitutes to try and change the face of the team. But I think we continued in exactly the same way."

Hammers supporters reacted angrily towards Arnautovic after

the striker was substituted midway through the second half. However, Pellegrini insisted that the whole team was responsible for the lacklustre nature of their showing, adding: "I think we cannot believe the performance was one player as the team played the way they did today. Marko Arnautovic was not guilty why we lost the game."

Everton boss Marco Silva was far happier than his counterpart, saying: "The general performance today, from the first minute until the end, was really, really good."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Monday, April 8 when they face Chelsea at Stamford Bridge (8pm).

West Ham United: Lukasz Fabianski, Aaron Cresswell (capt), Pablo Zabaleta, Marko Arnautovic (Grady Diangana 67), Manuel Lanzini, Robert Snodgrass, Pedro Obiang (Michail Antonio 46'), Angelo Ogbonna, Issa Diop, Lucas Perez (Javier Hernandez 46'), Declan Rice. Subs not used: Adrian, Fabian Balbuena, Mark Noble, Arthur Masuaku.

Everton: Jordan Pickford, Michael Keane, Kurt Zouma, Andre Gomes, Gylfi Sigurdsson (Tom Davies 84'), Lucas Digne, Idrissa Gueye, Bernard, Seamus Coleman (capt), Dominic Calvert-Lewin (Cenk Tosun 88'), Richarlison (Theo Walcott 90') Subs not used: Maarten Stekelenburg, Leighton Baines, Phil Jagielka, Ademola Lookman

Referee: Paul Tierney
Assistants: Scott Ledger, Adrian Holmes
Fourth Official: Mike Dean
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Non-league football

Bowers just one point from title

BOWERS & Pitsea need just a single point to ensure the Bostik North title.

Bradley Warner's last-minute goal ensured a 1-0 victory at Soham Town Rangers, and with chief rivals, Maldon & Tiptree, going down 3-2 at Felixstowe & Walton Utd, Bowers can complete their task against Dereham Town at the Len Salmon Stadium next Saturday.

Matthew Briggs and Laste Dombaxe scored for the Jammers in that defeat for the mid-Essex side and Heybridge Swifts moved within a point of them after two goals from Matthew Price and another from Elliott Ronto sealed a 3-1 win over Romford – Reece Hewitt responding from the spot for the visitors.

Coggeshall Town lost ground after a 2-2 draw at Great Wakering Rovers. Conor Hubble and a Nnamdi Nwachuku penalty for the Seedgrowers, Firmin Ngandu and Shomari Barnwell for the Villagers in front of a 131 crowd at Burroughs Park.

Sam Bantick scored from the spot for Aveley, but the Millers tripped up as Tilbury plundered the points with a 3-1 success at Parkside. Oliver Spooner (2) and Lewis Smith with the Dockers' goals. Meanwhile, Robinson Wokoma and Jacob Hutchinson provided a derby success for Grays Athletic at Basildon Utd after Callum Taylor had given the Bees a first-half lead.

Zack Littlejohn scored in the dying moments to earn Canvey Island a 1-0 win at Witham Town, while John Easterford and Quba Gordon helped Brentwood Town to a 2-2 draw with Mildenhall Town. It proved to be a tough afternoon for Barking, who went down 2-0 at home to Bury Town. Emmanuel Machaya and Ollie Hughes scoring for the visitors.

In the Bostik League Premier Division a late Joe Christou strike was insufficient for AFC Hornchurch, who went down 3-1 at Worthing.

Leyton Orient took another step towards returning to the Football League, taking a point from a hard-fought goalless National League encounter at London rivals, Barnet.

More than 1,800 O's supporters backed their side at the Hive. Their team remains top of the table, a point clear of Salford City with two games in hand.

Braintree Town moved off the bottom with a 2-0 victory over Gateshead at Cressing Road. Korrey Henry's penalty followed by a late Alfie Cerulli strike enough for the struggling Iron.

Dagenham & Redbridge remain uncomfortably close to the relegation zone after two second-half goals in as many minutes by Jonathan Smith and Scott Boden earned Chesterfield a 2-0 win at the Proact Stadium.

Chelmsford City saw off Oxford City at the Melbourne Stadium in the National South. The Clarets enhanced their play-off aspirations thanks to goals from Rhys Murphy and Michael Spillane.

Jack Midson, Juan Prados and Sam Ashford all found the net as Concord Rangers eased to a 3-0 win over Weston-Super-Mare at the Aspect Arena, while Billericay Town suffered a late setback when Dulwich Hamlet recovered from a two-goal deficit to claim a share of the spoils. Joe Kizzi and Moses Emmanuel with the Blues goals. East Thurrock Utd remain in a relegation battle. However, the Rocks did their cause no harm by seeing off Chippenham Town by the odd goal in three at Rookery Hill – Sam Higgins with a double for the home side.

In the Essex Senior League Hullbridge remain two points clear while Walthamstow are third following a 2-0 win over Takeley.

West Essex were the days top scorers, winning 6-2 at St Margaretsbury, while there was a seven-goal thriller at Sporting Bengal United, where visitors Saffron Walden Town won 4-3.

Tower Hamlets eased to a 4-1 win at Redbridge and Barkingside also triumphed on the road, beating Enfield 3-1.

Ilford secured a 2-0 derby win over Leyton Athletic while improving Southend Manor needed only a single goal to win at Hoddesdon Town.

Blues' woes deepen after Powell sacking

Southend United 0 Shrewsbury Town 2
By Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall
SOUTHEND are still hovering one place above the drop zone after Shrewsbury became the latest side to inflict another defeat on caretaker boss Ricky Duncan's new charges.

Second-half Fejiri Okenabirhie and Luke Waterfall strikes were enough to see off a Southend side still reeling from the midweek departure of manager Chris Powell.

An uneventful opening half saw Shrewsbury – one place above the hosts in the table – enjoy the lion's share of the possession, with Okenabirhie going closest, hitting Nathan Bishop's post on 23 minutes.

Blues debutant, Emile Acquah, had very little joy up front as the hosts struggled to create chances.

Southend showed little urgency after the turnaround. Consequently, the Shrews seized the initiative on 50 minutes.

A defensive slip saw Rob Kiernan fail to control a through ball, allowing Okenabirhie a sight of goal and he netted his first goal in 11 games via Bishop's far post.

Southend failed to muster any reply and Okenabirhie almost doubled the visitors' lead, on 62 minutes, with a deflected effort, after James Bolton was allowed to waltz through the home defence.

Despite making a double sub-

stitution, with Charlie Kelman and Luke Hyam entering the fray, Waterfall doubled the Shrews lead on 69 minutes with a towering header from a Bolton cross.

Ironical applause rang out when on 81 minutes Simon Cox stung keeper Jonathan Mitchell's fingers with a close-range effort – the hosts' first meaningful goal attempt in two matches.

Timothee Dieng almost grabbed a consolation six minutes from the end with a looping header, but Mitchell made a comfortable catch.

Boss Duncan said: "We just need to get a win and you will see the confidence grow within the squad. We need the fans to stick with us."

Southend travel to Fleetwood on Saturday (kick-off 3pm).

Southend United: Nathan Bishop, Jason Demetriou, Rob Kiernan (capt) John White, Sam Hart, Harry Buny (Charlie Kelman 66), Dru Yearwood (Luke Hyam 66), Timothee Dieng, Michael Lightly, Emile Acquah, Simon Cox. Subs: Mark Oxley, Elvis Bwomono, Michael Turner, Sam Mantom, Isaac Hutchinson.

Shrewsbury Town: Jonathan Mitchell, Ro-Shaun Williams, Luke Waterfall, Omar Beckles, James Bolton, Ollie Norburn (Josh Laurent 46), Greg Docherty, Anthony Grant, Scott Golbourne, Shaun Whalley (Dave Edwards 79), Fejiri Okenabirhie (Aaron Amadi-Holloway 73). Subs (not used): Reice Charles-Cook, Mat Sadler, Tyrese Campbell, Stefan Payne.

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